

Handbook of Modules

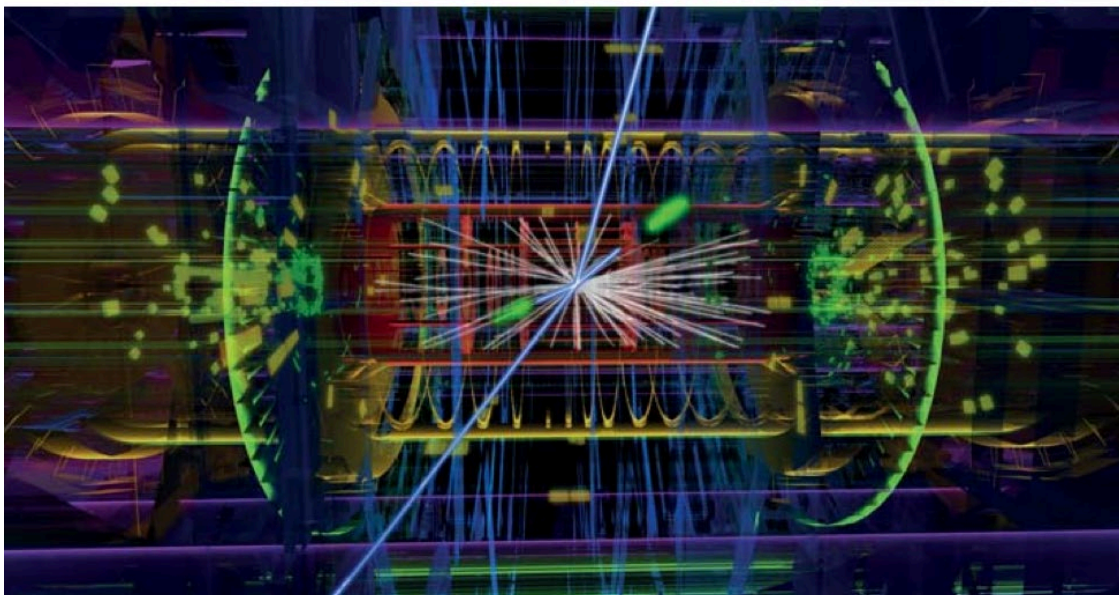
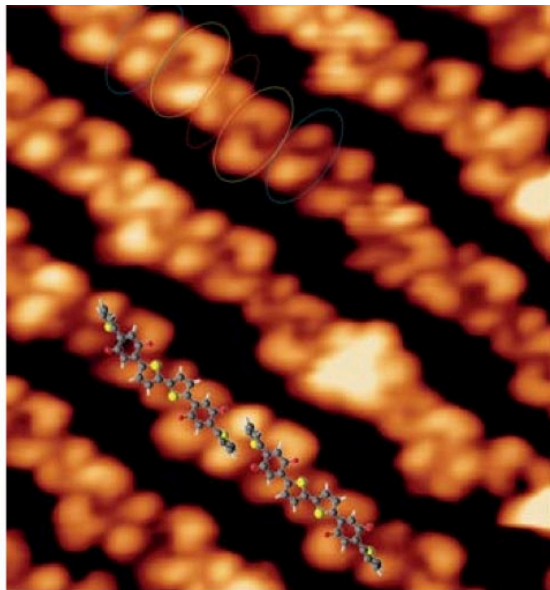
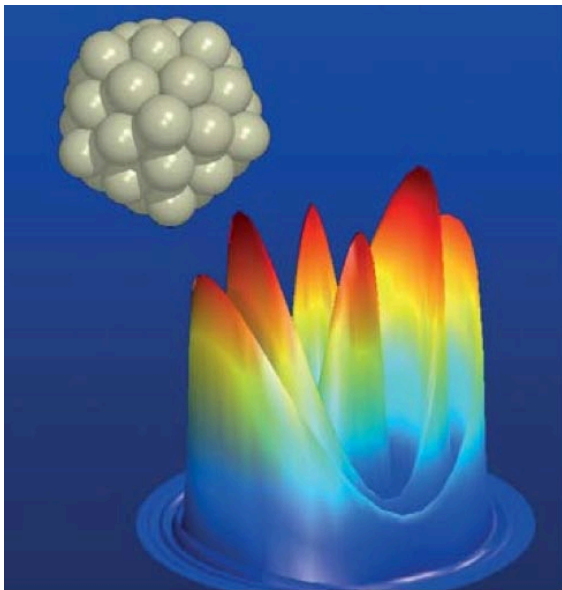
Master-of-Science (M.Sc.)

Physics

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Fach	Physik / Physics
Abschluss	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Prüfungsordnungsver- sion	2015
Art des Studiengangs	konsekutiv
Studienform	Vollzeit
Regelstudienzeit	4 Semester
Studienbeginn	Winter- und Sommersemester
Hochschule	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
Fakultät	Fakultät für Mathematik und Physik
Institut	Physikalisches Institut
Homepage	www.physik.uni-freiburg.de
Profil des Studiengangs	In the first year participants consolidate their knowledge in advanced theoretical and experimental physics covering state-of-the-art topics in the institute's core research areas Atomic, Molecular and Optical Sciences, Condensed Matter and Applied Physics, and Particles, Fields and Cosmos. Advanced quantum mechanics and the Master Laboratory are mandatory classes. Advanced physics courses can be selected from a range of state-of-the-art topics in the main research areas of the department. During their final one-year Master thesis, students specialize in a particular field by participating in a cutting-edge research project at the Institute of Physics or one of the associated research centers.
Ausbildungsziele/ Qualifikationsziele des Studiengangs	The Master programme aims to continue, deepen and broaden studies begun at Bachelor level. It provides a comprehensive scientific education in advanced theoretical and experimental physics. Successful students are qualified for independent research in physics and will be prepared for a scientific career in research, academia, or industry. Furthermore, they are on the next step towards a PhD study, which generally is a prerequisite for leading positions in economy or industry, or for a later academic career.
Sprache	Englisch
Zugangs- voraussetzungen	Qualifizierter Bachelor-Abschluss in Physik oder einem gleichwertigen Studiengang. Außerdem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mindestens 32 ECTS-Punkte in Theoretischer Physik, • mindestens 32 ECTS-Punkte in Experimenteller Physik, • mindestens 24 ECTS-Punkte in Mathematik, • mindestens 18 ECTS-Punkte aus physikalischen Praktika, • Bachelor-Arbeit in Physik (10 ECTS-Punkte), • Niveau B2 in Englisch.

Preliminary notes:

The handbook of modules does not substitute the course catalogue, which is updated every semester to provide variable information about the courses (e.g. time and location).

List of Abbreviations

M.Sc.	Master of Science
Credit hrs	A credit hour corresponds to a course of a duration of 45 minutes per week (in German: Semesterwochenstunden, SWS)
SL	Assessed coursework („Studienleistung“), ungraded, does not contribute to final grade
PL	Exam („Prüfungsleistung“), graded, contributes to final grade
L	Lecture
E	Exercise/Tutorials
S	Seminar
Lab	Laboratory
SoSe	Summer semester (summer term)
WiSe	Winter semester (winter term)
ECTS	Credit Points based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS-Points)

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1. Master-of-Science (M.Sc.) in Physics

1.1. Programme Structure

The Physics Institute offers a research-oriented curriculum leading to a Master of Science degree in Physics. The programme comprises a total of 120 ECTS credit points (CP), which are collected in various compulsory and elective modules as defined by the study regulations. The programme comprises the following modules and courses:

Module	Type	Contact hours	ECTS	Compulsory/ Elective	Recommended semester	Assessment
Advanced Quantum Mechanics	L+E	4+3	10	C	1 or 2	SL: exercises PL: written exam
Advanced Physics 1	L+E	4+2	9	E	1 or 2	SL: exercises PL: written or oral exam
Advanced Physics 2	L+E	4+2	9	E	1 or 2	SL: exercises PL: written or oral exam
Advanced Physics 3	L+E	4+2	9	E	1 or 2	SL: exercises SL: written or oral exam
Elective Subjects	variable	variable	9	E	1 or 2	SL: exercises and/or written or oral exam
Term Paper	S	2	6	E	1 or 2	PL: presentation and written report
Master Laboratory	Lab	10	8	C	1 or 2	PL: oral exam, practical achievement, written report, presentation
Research Traineeship	-	-	30	C	3	SL: internship
Master Thesis	-	-	28 2	C	4	PL: thesis SL: presentation

Abbreviations in table:

Type = type of course; L = lecture; E = exercises; S = seminar; Lab = laboratory;

C = compulsory module; E = elective module;

SL = assessed coursework ('Studienleistung'); PL = exam ('Prüfungsleistung')

1.2. Forms of Assessment (Studienleistung SL, Prüfungsleistung PL)

A module is successfully passed, when all corresponding assessments have been accomplished. The following forms of assessments are distinguished:

Studienleistungen (SL) are individual achievements, which are accomplished in combination with a corresponding course or lecture. In general, SLs consist of the successful participation in written exercises or exams. In exercises, which rely on the interaction between students and lecturers or tutors, passing a SL requires also the regular attendance and active participation in the exercise classes. Details on the SL will be announced by the lecturer in the beginning of the semester. SLs are not marked (non-graded) and therefore do not contribute to the final mark.

Prüfungsleistungen (PL) are written or oral module exams, which test all components of a module. PLs are marked (graded) and contribute to the final mark of the degree according to the weight listed in 1.5.

1.3. Workload / ECTS-Point System

The *European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)* is a standard for comparing the study attainment and performance of students of higher education across the European Union and other collaborating European countries. It provides more compatibility and mobility between the programmes at different institutions and different countries.

The ECTS credit points (CP), which can be acquired, determine the time requirements for a module with one CP corresponding to a workload of about 30 hours. This workload includes participation in courses, preparation and post-processing of the courses, exercises and exams. The ECTS-System enables the accumulation of credits and marks throughout the entire studies and facilitates documenting the study progress.

1.4. Contents of Modules

Within the Master's programme some modules are compulsory and others offer the possibility to select courses at the student's own choice.

Advanced Quantum Mechanics (10 ECTS credit points)

All students have to accomplish the compulsory module Advanced Quantum Mechanics. The module mark is the mark of the final exam (PL).

Advanced Physics 1 (9 ECTS credit points)

Within the module Advanced Physics 1 students may select an lecture on Advanced Experimental or Advanced Theoretical Physics by their own choice. Eligible lectures are listed in section 4 and in the course catalogue for the current semester. The module mark is the mark of the final exam (PL).

Advanced Physics 2 (9 ECTS credit points)

Within the module Advanced Physics 1 students may select an lecture on Advanced Experimental or Advanced Theoretical Physics by their own choice. Eligible lectures are listed in section 4 and in the course catalogue for the current semester. The module mark is the mark of the final exam (PL).

Advanced Physics 3 (9 ECTS credit points)

Within the module Advanced Physics 1 students may select an lecture on Advanced Experimental or Advanced Theoretical Physics by their own choice. Eligible lectures are listed in section 4 and in the course catalogue for the current semester. If both lectures in Advanced Physics 1 and 2 are from the same field (Experimental/Theoretical Physics) a lecture from the other field has to be selected. The module is an unmarked course achievement (SL).

Elective Subjects (9 ECTS credit points)

All 9 ECTS credits of this module can be acquired by selecting different courses by own choice. The selected courses have to be at the Master's level, i.e. from the M.Sc. programme in Applied Physics and/or other Master programmes. The examination committee may permit other courses on request.

Note that for courses at other faculties different application modalities and requirements may apply. Students are responsible to proof successful participation, so that the credits can be booked by the examination office of physics.

Term Paper (6 ECTS credit points)

Within the elective module Term Paper students select a seminar on a specific topic, with several seminars offered each term.

Master Laboratory (8 ECTS credit points)

In the Master Laboratory students accomplish different lab experiments with the total workload of 8 ECTS credit points. Successful completion of the Master Laboratory is prerequisite for beginning the Research Traineeship.

Research Traineeship (30 ECTS credit points)

Before working on their Master Thesis students engage in a Research Traineeship, which is accomplished in a six-month period. The aim of this module is to acquire preliminary knowledge in a certain research topic in preparation for the Master Thesis. For their traineeship and thesis students select a supervisor at the Institute of Physics or the associated research institutes. Admission to the Master Research module requires successful accomplishment of the module *Master Laboratory* and three of the four marked courses in the modules *Advanced Quantum Mechanics*, *Advanced Physics 1*, *2*, and *Term Paper*.

Master Thesis (30 ECTS credit points)

In the final six-months master thesis students perform independent research on a specialized topic in applied physics and prepare a written thesis. Typically, the Master Thesis is accomplished at the same research group as the traineeship. In a period of 2 weeks before to 4 weeks after submitting the Master Thesis, the students present the results of their thesis work in a public presentation.

1.5. Determination of final grade

The individual module marks contribute to the final grade with the following weights:

Module	weight
Advanced Quantum Mechanics	11 %
Advanced Physics 1	11 %
Advanced Physics 2	11 %
Term Paper	7 %
Master Laboratory	10 %
Master Thesis	50 %

2. Organisation of studies

2.1. Study plan

In the first year, the master students consolidate their knowledge in compulsory and elective courses. For the first and second semester, an equally balanced workload is recommended with a total of about 30 ECTS credit points each.

The following study plan is recommended for students starting their studies in the winter semester:

FS	Module					Σ ECTS
1	Advanced Quantum Mechanics 10 ECTS	Advanced Physics 1 9 ECTS		Term Paper 6 ECTS	Master Laboratory 8 ECTS	33
2		Advanced Physics 2 9 ECTS	Elective Subjects Advanced Physics and/or other discipline by own choice 9 ECTS			27
		Advanced Physics 3 9 ECTS				
3	Research Traineeship 30 ECTS					30
4	Master Thesis (Thesis and Presentation) 30 ECTS					30

Note that, *Advanced Quantum Mechanics* is only offered in the winter term, so dependent on the start of the Master studies (start in winter or summer semester) the course can be taken either in the first or second semester. The *Master Laboratory* is offered as a block course during the semester break following the winter term. Dependent on the start of studies, students participate either in the first or second semester.

2.2. Enrolment for lectures and courses

It is possible to enrol for lectures and courses in the online Campus System. Note that for participation in lectures, a registration is not mandatory but recommended. Registration is possible via the electronic campus management system HISinOne www.uni-freiburg.de/go/campus. In order to take part in the final exam a separate registration is required (see 2.3).

For participation in the master laboratory students have to register directly at the head of the lab course, e.g. via the central learning platform ILIAS <https://ilias.uni-freiburg.de>. Details see on www.physik.uni-freiburg.de/studium/labore.

2.3. Registration for exams (SL or PL)

In order to finish a module all contained exercises and exams (Studienleistungen SL and Prüfungsleistungen PL) have to be passed. For participating in the exams a registration in due time via the electronic campus management system HISinOne www.uni-freiburg.de/go/campus is necessary.

The common registration period is typically starting with the beginning of the semester end ends one week before the first exam. Within this period registration to and deregistration from an exam is possible. The exact registration period for each semester and other modalities can be found on the webpage of the examination office www.physik.uni-freiburg.de/studium/pruefungen.

2.4. Retaking exams

Failed examinations may be retaken twice in the modules *Advanced Quantum Mechanics* and *Advanced Physics 1* and *2*, and once in the modules *Term Paper*, *Master Laboratory*, and *Master Thesis*. It is not permitted to retake examinations to improve the marks.

3. List of Modules and Description

3.1. Advanced Quantum Mechanics (10 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33M-AQM	Advanced Quantum Mechanics						10 ECTS
Responsibility	Dean of Studies, Lecturers for Theoretical Physics						
Courses		Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	Term	
	Advanced Quantum Mechanics	L	4	10	PL: written exam	WiSe	
	Advanced Quantum Mechanics	E	3		SL: exercises	WiSe	
	Total:		4+3	10			
Required academic assessment	The final module exam (PL) is a written exam. The course achievement (SL) is the regular and successful participation in the exercises. Students have to register online for the exercises and for the final exam according to the regulations of the examination office.						
Grading	The final grade of the module is the grade of the final exam.						
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students know the foundations of scattering theory and are able to apply these to problems involving simple potentials. • Students know the representations of the rotational group and their relevance for quantum theory. They have a fundamental knowledge in group theory and representation theory in general. They know the meaning of product representations and irreducible representations. They are able to apply Clebsch-Gordon coefficients to simple problems involving angular momentum and spin in atomic spectra. • Students know the connection between spin and statistics. They are able to symmetrize respectively anti-symmetrize multi-particle states. They can describe the methods of Hartree- and Hartree-Fock and apply them to simple multi-particle systems. • Students know the fundamentals of time-dependent perturbation theory and can apply it to specific time-dependent problems. • Students know Dirac's equation and can solve it for the free case. 						
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scattering theory: scattering amplitude and cross-section, partial wave expansion, Lippmann-Schwinger equation and Born series. • Fundamentals of the representation theory of groups, in particular of the rotation group $SO(3)$. Tensor product representations and irreducible representations. Wigner-Eckart theorem. Applications to angular momentum and spin couplings in atomic, molecular and condensed matter physics. • Time-dependent perturbation theory: Dyson-expansion, Fermi's Golden Rule, examples of application to important time-dependent quantum processes. 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many-particle systems: identical particles, spin-statistic theorem, variational principles, Hartree and Hartree-Fock approximations. • Interaction between radiation and matter. Quantization of the electromagnetic field. Interaction Hamiltonian, emission and absorption. • Relativistic quantum mechanics and quantum field theory; Dirac equation, quantization of Klein-Gordon and Dirac's equation. 				
Workload (hours)	Course	Type	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Advanced Quantum Mechanics	L	60 h	120 h	180 h
	Advanced Quantum Mechanics	E	45 h	75 h	120 h
	Total:		105 h	195 h	300 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Applied Physics				
Previous knowledge	Contents of lectures Theoretical Physics I-IV (B.Sc. Physics)				
Language	English				

3.2. Advanced Physics 1 (9 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33K-ADV_PHYS1	Advanced Physics 1						9 ECTS																																							
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Course content	<p>A suitable lecture has to be selected by own choice from the list of Advanced Experimental or Advanced Theoretical Physics lectures given below.</p> <p>List of eligible Advanced Lectures offered regularly: (Exp = Experimental Lectures; Theo = Theory Lectures)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Lecture Course:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Exp</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Term</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Advanced Atomic and Molecular Physics</td> <td>Exp</td> <td>WiSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advanced Optics and Lasers</td> <td>Exp</td> <td>SoSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Condensed Matter I: Solid State Physics</td> <td>Exp</td> <td>WiSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Condensed Matter II: Interfaces and Nanostructures</td> <td>Exp</td> <td>SoSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advanced Particle Physics</td> <td>Exp</td> <td>WiSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hadron Collider Physics</td> <td>Exp</td> <td>SoSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Particle Detectors</td> <td>Exp</td> <td>WiSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics</td> <td>Theo</td> <td>SoSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classical Complex Systems</td> <td>Theo</td> <td>WiSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Computational Physics: Materials Science</td> <td>Theo</td> <td>SoSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Relativity</td> <td>Theo</td> <td>WiSe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quantum Field Theory</td> <td>Theo</td> <td>SoSe</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>						Lecture Course:	Exp	Term	Advanced Atomic and Molecular Physics	Exp	WiSe	Advanced Optics and Lasers	Exp	SoSe	Condensed Matter I: Solid State Physics	Exp	WiSe	Condensed Matter II: Interfaces and Nanostructures	Exp	SoSe	Advanced Particle Physics	Exp	WiSe	Hadron Collider Physics	Exp	SoSe	Particle Detectors	Exp	WiSe	Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics	Theo	SoSe	Classical Complex Systems	Theo	WiSe	Computational Physics: Materials Science	Theo	SoSe	General Relativity	Theo	WiSe	Quantum Field Theory	Theo	SoSe	
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	Advanced Physics	L	60 h	120 h	180 h								
	Advanced Physics	E	30 h	60 h	90 h								
	Total:		90 h	180 h	270 h								
Usability	M.Sc. Physics												
Previous knowledge	Basic experimental or theoretical physics lecture in the respective field												
Language	English												

3.3. Advanced Physics 2 (9 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33K-ADV_PHYS2	Advanced Physics 2					9 ECTS
Responsibility	Dean of Studies,, Lecturers of the Institute of Physics					
Courses		Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assess-ment	Term
	Advanced Physics	L	4	9	PL: written or oral exam	WiSe + SoSe
	Advanced Physics	E	2		SL: exercises	WiSe + SoSe
	Total:		4+2	9		
Required academic assessment	The final module exam (PL) is a written exam. The course achievement (SL) is the regular and successful participation in the exercises. Students have to register online for the exercises and for the final exam according to the announced regulations.					
Grading	The final grade of the module is the grade of the final exam.					
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students obtain advanced knowledge in particular field of modern physics. • Students are familiar with current problems and research topics in particular fields of modern research in physics. • Students know advanced tools and methods in particular fields. • Specific qualification objectives for each lecture are listed in individual course descriptions section 4. 					
Course content	A suitable lecture has to be selected by own choice from the catalogue of Advanced Experimental or Advanced Theoretical Physics lectures given in the (online) course catalogue of the Physics Institute. A range of advanced courses is offered on a regular or irregular basis. The specific content of each lecture is detailed in individual course descriptions section 4 or in the online course descriptions.					
Workload (hours)	Course	Type	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Advanced Physics	L	60 h	120 h	180 h	
	Advanced Physics	E	30 h	60 h	90 h	
	Total:		90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics					
Previous knowledge	Basic experimental or theoretical physics lecture in the respective field					
Language	English					

3.4. Advanced Physics 3 (9 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33K-ADV_PHYS3	Advanced Physics 3					9 ECTS
Responsibility	Dean of Studies,, Lecturers of the Institute of Physics					
Courses		Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assess-ment	Term
	Advanced Physics	L	4	9	SL: written or oral exam	WiSe + SoSe
	Advanced Physics	E	2		SL: exercises	WiSe + SoSe
	Total:		4+2	9		
Required academic assessment	The final module exam (PL) is a written exam. The course achievement (SL) is the regular and successful participation in the exercises. Students have to register online for the exercises and for the final exam according to the regulations.					
Grading	The final grade of the module is the grade of the final exam.					
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students obtain advanced knowledge in particular field of modern physics. • Students are familiar with current problems and research topics in particular fields of modern research in physics. • Students know advanced tools and methods in particular fields. • Specific qualification objectives are listed in individual course descriptions.. 					
Course content	A suitable lecture has to be selected by own choice from the catalogue of Advanced Experimental or Advanced Theoretical Physics lectures given in the (online) course catalogue of the Physics Institute. A range of advanced courses is offered on a regular or irregular basis. The specific content of each lecture is detailed in individual course descriptions section 4 or in the online course descriptions.If both lectures Advanced Physics 1 and 2 have been selected from one field (Advanced Experimental Physics or Advanced Theory) Advanced Physics 3 has to be chosen from the other field.					
Workload (hours)	Course	Type	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Advanced Physics	L	60 h	120 h	180 h	
	Advanced Physics	E	30 h	60 h	90 h	
	Total:		90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics					
Previous knowledge	Basic experimental or theoretical physics lecture in the respective field					
Language	English					

3.5. Elective Subjects (9 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33K-ELSUB	Elective Subjects						9 ECTS
Responsibility	Dean of Studies, or Faculty/Department responsible for selected course						
Courses		Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assess- ment	Term	
	Advanced Physics courses and/or Mathematics courses and/or courses by own choice	L+E	According to selected courses	9	SL	WiSe + SoSe	
	Total:			9			
Required academic assessment	Subject to selected courses						
Grading	unmarked						
Qualification objectives	The qualification objects are subject to the selected course.						
Course content	<p>Students select different courses by own choice in order collect at least 10 ECTS credit points in total. The selection may contain lectures of the M.Sc. Physics program, or of the M.Sc./M.A. programs of other disciplines. The examination committee may admit courses of other external programs upon application. The course content is subject to the selected course.</p> <p>Also lectures of the B.Sc. programme in Mathematics can be chosen with the exception of Analysis I and II, and Linear Algebra I and II. The examination committee may admit courses of other external programmes upon application.</p>						
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total			
	Elective courses	subject to selected courses			270 h		
	Total:				270 h		
Usability	M.Sc. Physics						
Previous knowledge	Subject to selected courses						
Language	Subject to selected courses						

3.6. Term Paper (6 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33M-TP	Term Paper						6 ECTS
Responsibility	Dean of Studies, Lecturers of the Institute of Physics						
Courses		Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	Term	
	Term paper seminar	S	2	6	PL: oral presentation and written report	WiSe + SoSe	
	Total:		2	6			
Required academic assessment	Students elaborate and give an oral presentation to a specialized physics topic or an adjacent area and prepare a written documentation. Active participation in all presentations of the seminar is expected.						
Grading	A combined grade is given for the oral presentation and the written documentation.						
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to handle scientific literature and to search in scientific publications • Students are able to prepare and present a topic of current physical research in front of a broad audience • Participants have the skills to lead a discussion in a group of students • Students can give scientific lecture and are able to incorporate didactical elements 						
Course content	<p>The research groups of the Institute of Physics offer various seminars each term. Allocation and registration to a particular seminar will be in a common event generally held in the first week of the semester.</p> <p>The <i>Term Paper</i> seminar comprises approximately 10 presentations from a coherent field of physics or a neighbouring scientific area.</p>						
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total			
	Term paper seminar	21 h	159 h	180 h			
	Total:	21 h	159 h	240 h			
Usability	M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Applied Physics						
Previous knowledge	Basic knowledge in respective topic as acquired in self-studies or lecture						
Language	English						

3.7. Master Laboratory (8 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33M-MLAB	Master Laboratory						8 ECTS
Responsibility	Head of the master laboratory						
Courses	Course	Type		ECTS	Assessment	Term	
	Master Laboratory	Lab	block course	8	PL: experimental work, written report, oral presentation	WiSe	
	Total:			8			
Organisation	<p>The Master Laboratory is offered as a block course during the semester break. Students have to register for the course online 10 weeks before the start of the course (https://www.physik.uni-freiburg.de/studium/labore).</p> <p>Students perform 3 experiments and prepare written lab reports. Two experiments have to be completed within one week each. One experiment is performed within an allocated time of two weeks. For this extended experiment the students prepare an oral presentation held in a common seminar at the end of the Master Laboratory.</p>						
Required academic assessment	For each experiment the students have to prepare the scientific background, which is tested in an initial written and oral exam. The students perform each experiment in teams of two and prepare written lab report. For one extended experiment the students additionally prepare and give an oral presentation.						
Grading	<p>For each of the 3 experiments a grade is given based on an initial written and oral exam (test of the preparatory knowledge), the experimental performance and the written report (incl. lab report and analysis). In addition, a grade is given for the final oral seminar presentation.</p> <p>All marks contribute equally to the final module grade (arithmetic mean).</p>						
Repetition	Individual experiments have to be repeated at specially offered dates immediately after the regular end of the laboratory course. In case the entire Laboratory course has to be repeated, this is only possible by participating in the next year's course is.						
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to perform complex advanced experiments running over several days • Students are able to apply advanced statistical data analysis methods • Students are able to prepare a written lab report • Students are able to critically evaluate and assess their experimental results 						
Course content	<p>Performance of three Advanced Physics Experiments from Particle & Nuclear Physics, Atomic & Molecular Physics, Solid State Physics and Optics.</p> <p>The current catalogue of laboratory experiments is available online on https://www.physik.uni-freiburg.de/studium/labore/fp/fp2/#section-3</p>						

Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Master Laboratory	150 h (20 days*7.5 h)	90 h	240 h
	Total:	150 h	90 h	240 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics			
Previous knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experimental skills as acquired e.g. in the Physics Laboratory B (B.Sc.) - Statistical methods of data analysis 			
Language	English			

3.8. Research Traineeship (30 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33M-RTRAIN	Research Traineeship				30 ECTS
Responsibility / Supervision	Dean of Studies, Group leaders at the Institute of Physics and associated Institutes				
Course details	Type		ECTS	Assessment	
	Research (under supervision)	6 months	30	SL	
Organisation	<p>Prior to their Master thesis students engage in a Research Traineeship which is accomplished in a six-month period. The aim of this module is to acquire basic knowledge in a certain research topic and field in preparation for the subsequent Master Thesis. For the traineeship, students select a supervisor at the Institute of Physics or at one of the associated and participating research institutes.</p> <p>The research traineeship can be started any time and has a duration of exactly 6 months. The students have to register for the research traineeship at the examination office.</p>				
Grading	ungraded				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have a specialized basic knowledge in a certain research topic. • Students know and are able to apply specific experimental and/or theoretical tools and methods in a specialised field of research. • Students are prepared for performing a self-dependent research project (preparation for Master Thesis) 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students acquire basic knowledge in a certain field of research in preparation for their Master Thesis. • Participants obtain training in applying experimental and/or theoretical tools in a specialized field of research. • Students participate in a current research project under the supervision of lecturers and researchers (post-docs and doctoral researchers). 				
Workload (hours)	900 h distributed over a six-month period				
Usability	M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc Applied Physics				
Precondition	Admission to the Research Traineeship requires successful accomplishment of the module <i>Master Laboratory</i> and of three of the four marked courses (AR) of the modules <i>Advanced Quantum Mechanics</i> , <i>Advanced Physics 1</i> , <i>Advanced Physics 2</i> , and <i>Term Paper</i> .				
Language	English				

3.9. Master Thesis (30 ECTS credit points)

Module 07LE33M-MSC	Master Thesis				30 ECTS
Responsibility / Supervision	Group leaders at the Institute of Physics and associated Institutes				
Module details	Type		ECTS	Assessment	
	Master Thesis	6 months	28	PL: final thesis	
	Master Colloquium	45 min	2	SL: oral presentation	
	Total:		30		
Organisation	For their master thesis students select a supervisor at the Institute of Physics or at one of the associated and participating research institutes. Typically, the master thesis is pursued within the same work group as the traineeship. The Master Thesis starts at the latest 2 weeks after successful completion of the Research Traineeship. Registration has to be arranged with the examination office.				
Grading	The final thesis is graded by two examiners. One examiner is the supervisor of the thesis. Both grades contribute equally to the final grade (arithmetic mean).				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students acquired specialized knowledge of a certain research topic and field. • Students have a strong expertise in applying specific experimental and/or theoretical tools and methods in their field of research. • Students are able to perform independent research and can critically evaluate and assess their scientific results. • Students can search and read scientific literature and apply and relate reported results to their research. 				
Module content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring in-depth knowledge in the field of the master thesis work. • Working on a particular problem in a specialized field of research. • Development of the required experimental and/or theoretical tools and methods. • Preparation of a written report on the performed research work. • Preparation and performance of an oral presentation in the form of a public colloquium, discussing the topic of the master thesis, its physical context, and the underlying physical concepts. 				
Workload (hours)	900 h distributed over a six-month period. This workload includes research, preparation of the written thesis and preparation of the final presentation.				
Usability	M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc Applied Physics				
Precondition	Admission to the Master Thesis requires successful accomplishment of the module <i>Research Traineeship</i> .				
Language	English or German				

4. Advanced Physics Lectures

4.1. Advanced Atomic and Molecular Physics

Lecture 07LE33M-ADV_EXP_AMO	Advanced Atomic and Molecular Physics Adv. Experiment			
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Experimental Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics			
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL
Term	In general the course will be offered each WiSe.			
Qualification objectives	Students have a deeper understanding of both, the properties of matter based on the nature and interactions of atoms and molecules, and of current and future technologies based on controlled quantum processes, such as employed in atomic clocks, atom interferometers, quantum optics and quantum computing, nanoscale engineering, photochemistry and energy conversion.			
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-matter interaction: scattering, absorption and emission of light, dressed states, coherence, strong fields • Scattering of atomic and molecular systems • Properties of diatomic molecules: vibrations and rotations • Properties of polyatomic molecules: electronic states, molecular symmetries, chemical bonds • Modern AMO applications in science and technology 			
Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics I-IV (B.Sc. Physik)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

4.2. Advanced Optics and Lasers

Lecture	Advanced Optics and Lasers				Adv. Experiment
07LE33M-ADV_EXP_OL					
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Experimental Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	In general the course will be offered each WiSe.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are familiar with the physical concepts of lasers and know the fundamentals of the interaction between laser light and matter. • Students are able to describe in detail the inherent behaviour and functionality of the many different types of modern lasers. • Students have a deep understanding of the properties of coherent laser light and are able to understand and analyse nonlinear optical effects, as e.g. induced by lasers in transparent materials. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-matter interaction: Absorption/emission, line broadening • Coherence and interference: temporal, spatial coherence, interferometers • The laser principle: 2, 3, 4-level lasers, rate equation models, output power of a laser; • Optical resonators: transmission spectra, stability • Laser modes: Paraxial approximation, Gaussian beams, longitudinal and transverse modes, mode selection • Short laser pulses: Dynamic solutions of rate equation, Q-switching, mode locking, intense short pulses, generation of ultra-short laser pulses • Nonlinear optics: Second, third order polarizability, frequency conversion, optical parametric amplification, high-harmonics generation 				
Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics I-IV (B.Sc. Physik)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

4.3. Condensed Matter I: Solid State Physics

Lecture 07LE33M-ADV_EXP_CM1	Condensed Matter I: Solid State Physics Adv. Experiment			
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Experimental Condensed Matter and Applied Physics			
Course details	Form	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL
Term	In general the course will be offered each WiSe.			
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students know the reciprocal space description of crystals and related quasiparticles like phonons • Students know the quantum mechanical description of electrons in periodic potentials (Bloch- and Wannier-functions) • Students have a good overview of experimental state of the art techniques for the study of the properties of solid state materials • Students know how to obtain and are able to interpret experimental data like measurements of electronic band structures or phonon dispersion curves • Students know about newer developments in the experimental characterization of many-body quantum effects like magnetism or superconductivity 			
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atomic structure of matter • lattice dynamics, phonons • electronic structure of materials • optical properties • magnetism/superconductivity 			
Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics I-IV (B.Sc. Physik)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

4.4. Condensed Matter II: Interfaces and Nanostructures

Lecture	Condensed Matter II: Interfaces and Nanostructures				Adv. Experiment
07LE33M-ADV_EXP_CM2					
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Experimental Condensed Matter and Applied Physics				
Course details	Form	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	In general the course will be offered each SoSe.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to describe interaction forces at interfaces in terms of their range and their consequences on thermodynamic and kinetic properties. • Students understand processes at surfaces like adsorption/desorption, surface reconstruction, surface transport, or wettability. • Students are able to describe processes as well as structural transitions at liquid, solid-liquid, and solid interfaces with respect to their hydrodynamic and electronic properties. • Students know processes for preparing well defined and patterned surfaces. • Students identify the relevant processes for the formation of nanostructures and structuring of surfaces at the nm-scale. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surfaces and interface • structure formation on surfaces • self-assembly, morphology and transitions • optical and electronic properties 				
Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics I-IV (B.Sc. Physik)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

4.5. Advanced Particle Physics

Lecture 07LE33M-ADV_EXP_PP	Advanced Particle Physics			Adv. Experiment
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Experimental Particle Physics			
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL
Term	In general the course will be offered each WiSe.			
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students know the guiding principle of internal symmetries and how discrete and local gauge theories are constructed. They are able to analyse the symmetries of a Lagrangian and understand the implications for the phenomenology. • Students learn to discriminate different particles/processes via the characteristic signature in different detector components. • Students know the interplay of model building and experimental findings. They are able to critically compare theoretical predictions with experimental findings. • Students can perform simple cross section evaluations using Feynman calculus. • Students know the structure and phenomenology of the Standard Model of Particle Physics and its limitations. 			
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantum Electrodynamics as prototype of a local gauge theory: Feynman rules, calculation of matrix elements, higher order corrections, principle of renormalisation, running coupling strength, basic experimental tests at low ($g-2$, Lamb shift) and high energies (PETRA, LEP colliders) • Quantum Chromodynamics: phenomenological differences between abelian and non-abelian gauge theories, confinement, asymptotic freedom, stability of hadrons, jets, and basic experimental tests at PETRA, LEP, Tevatron and LHC. • Parton density functions of the proton and its determination in deep inelastic scattering, Bjorken scaling and its violation. • Electroweak theory and formulation of the Standard Model of particle physics: charged and neutral weak currents, from Fermi theory to the Glashow-Salam-Weinberg theory, massive weak gauge bosons, parity violation, CP violation, basic experimental tests at various colliders. • Observation and phenomenology of neutrinos oscillations. • Electroweak symmetry breaking: Higgs mechanism, Higgs boson physics (experimental aspects) • Limitations of the Standard Model (neutrinos masses, dark matter,...) and possible extensions (SUSY, extra dimensions,...) 			
Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics V and Theoretical Physics IV (B.Sc. Physik)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL),			

	M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)
Language	English

4.6. Particle Detectors

Lecture	Particle Detectors				Adv. Experiment
07LE33M- ADV_EXP_PDET					
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Experimental Particle Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	In general the course will be offered each WiSe				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to understand the physics of particle detection • Students are able to understand the different types of particle detectors • Students are able to design a particle detector for specific experiments 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interaction of particles with matter • General properties of particle detectors • Tracking detectors • Time measurement • Energy measurement • Particle identification • Electronics, trigger and data acquisition • Detector systems in Particle and Astroparticle Physics • Applications of particle detectors in medicine 				
Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics V (B.Sc. Physik)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

4.7. Hadron Collider Physics

Lecture	Hadron Collider Physics				Adv. Experiment
07LE33M-ADV_EXP_HCP					
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Experimental Particle Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	In general the course will be offered each SoSe				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students acquire the basic experimental concepts of experiments at hadron colliders (detector and trigger concept, soft and hard collisions, underlying event, pile-up) • Students know the concept of cross section calculations at hadron colliders from first principles (Feynman diagrams) and from numerical calculations using Monte Carlo generators • Students know the concepts of tests of the Standard Model at hadron colliders, including precision measurements in some areas • Students acquire deeper insight and familiarize with modern multivariate techniques for the separation of signal and background processes in the search for new physics / deviations from the Standard Model • Students know the up-to-date status on experimental tests of the Standard Model and on Searches for New Physics 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to accelerators, with focus on the Large Hadron Collider • Detector and trigger concepts of hadron collider experiments • Phenomenology of pp collisions • Structure functions, calculation of cross sections, Monte Carlo generators for pp collisions • Particle signatures in LHC experiments • pp collisions with low transverse momentum (underlying event, minimum bias) • Test of QCD at hadron colliders (jet production, top quark production, W/Z + jet production) • Measurements of important parameters of the Standard Model (m_t, m_W, gauge couplings, ..) • Physics of heavy quarks (b-physics, the top quark and its properties) • Higgs boson physics (experimental detection, measurements of Higgs boson properties, additional Higgs bosons,..) • Search for supersymmetric particles • Search for other extensions of the Standard Model 				
Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics V (Nuclear and Particle Physics, B.Sc. Physik) Advanced Particle Physics (desirable, MSc Physics)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	

Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)
Language	English

4.8. Astroparticle Physics

Lecture	Astroparticle Physics				Adv. Experiment
07LE33M- ADV_EXP_APART					
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Experimental Particle Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	E CTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered on an irregular basis.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are familiar with the standard models of particle physics and cosmology • Students acquire an understanding of the physics of the early universe • Students know the characteristics of the energy density in the universe • Students are familiar with up-to-date research on dark matter and dark energy • Students acquire insight on nuclear fusion and the evolution of stars • Students have knowledge of the nature of cosmic rays 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standard model of particle physics • Conservation Rules and symmetries • The expanding universe • Matter, Radiation • Dark matter • Dark energy • Development of structure in the early universe • Particle physics in the stars • Nature and sources of high energy cosmic particles • Gamma ray and neutrino astronomy 				
Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics V (B.Sc. Physik)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

4.9. Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics

Lecture 07LE33M- ADV_THEO_CONDMAT	Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics				Adv. Theory
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Theoretical Condensed Matter and Applied Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	In general the course will be offered each SoSe.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are familiar with the relevant theoretical concepts in Condensed Matter Physics. • Students are able to calculate physical properties of various condensed matter systems based on quantum mechanics, and appreciate the physical ideas behind these approximation schemes, as well as their limitations. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal structures, crystal vibrations, quantization of harmonically coupled lattices, phonons. • Electrons in periodic potentials, Bloch waves, band structure. Application to conductors, insulators and semi-conductors. • Electron phonon coupling. BCS theory of superconductivity. • Spin degrees of freedom. Classical and quantum spin chains. 				
Previous knowledge	Theoretical Physics I-V (B.Sc. Physik)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

4.10. Classical Complex Systems

Lecture 07LE33M-ADV_THEO_CS	Classical Complex Systems				Adv. Theory
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Theoretical Atomic, Molecular and Optical Sciences or from Theoretical Condensed Matter and Applied Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	In general the course will be offered each WiSe.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are familiar with stochastic and deterministic concepts to model complex systems. • Students are capable of recognizing and rigorously describing phenomena commonly encountered in complex systems. • Students are able to use probabilistic notions to model systems subject to uncertainty about their microscopic states and laws. • Students are able to run and interpret Monte Carlo computer simulations as well as to quantify the confidence in results produced by randomized algorithms. • Students are able to use basic statistical tools to infer probabilistic statements from empirical observations. 				
Course content	<p>The first two thirds of the lecture cover basic theory, while the final third is concerned with concrete applications. Topics treated in the latter part depend more strongly on the lecturer.</p> <p>Stochastic Processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random walks, Markov model • Stochastic differential equations and master equations (Langevin- and Fokker-Planck Equation) • Numerical treatment and Monte Carlo techniques <p>Non-Linear Dynamics / Chaos Theory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamical systems (discrete, differential equations, Hamiltonian) • Lyapunov exponents • Attractors and bifurcations <p>Applications:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Molecular dynamics simulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular driving forces and force field models • Simulation techniques and sampling • Energy landscapes and analysis of dynamics <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Time series analysis and inverse problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimation and test theory • Spectral analysis • State space model 				

Previous knowledge	Theoretical Physics I-V (B.Sc. Physik)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

4.11. Complex Quantum Systems

Lecture 07LE33M-ADV_THEO_OS	Complex Quantum Systems				Adv. Theory
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Theoretical Atomic, Molecular and Optical Sciences or from Theoretical Condensed Matter and Applied Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	Lecture is offered on an irregular basis.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The students know the advanced physical concepts and mathematical techniques in the field of complex and open quantum systems; • They have the ability to apply these concepts and techniques to the theoretical modelling and analysis of specific complex systems and to derive emergent phenomena in open systems (e.g. macroscopic classicality) from microscopic laws of quantum mechanics (e.g. decoherence). • For structural track: The students know how to reason about counter-intuitive aspects of quantum theory using mathematically rigorous notions. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantum states: Pure and mixed states, density matrices, quantum state space • Composite quantum systems: Tensor product, entangled states, partial trace and reduced density matrix, quantum entropy • Open quantum systems: Closed and open systems, dynamical maps, quantum operations, complete positivity and Kraus representation • Dynamical semigroups and quantum master equations: Semigroups and generators, quantum Markovian master equations, Lindblad theorem • General properties of the master equation: Dynamics of populations and coherences, Pauli master equation, relaxation to equilibrium • Decoherence: Destruction of quantum coherence through interaction with an environment, decoherence versus relaxation <p>Applied Track:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microscopic theory: System-reservoir models, Born-Markov approximation, microscopic derivation of the master equation. • Applications: Quantum theory of the laser, superradiance, quantum transport, quantum Boltzmann equation <p>Structural Track:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty relations: Joint measurability, uncertainty relations for continuous and discrete observables, information-disturbance tradeoff • Contextuality: Non-Locality, Bell's Theorem, Marginals 				
Previous knowledge	Theoretical Physics IV (Quantum Mechanics, B.Sc. Physik) and Advanced Quantum Mechanics (M.Sc. Physics)				

Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

4.12. Quantum Field Theory

Lecture	Quantum Field Theory				Adv. Theory
07LE33M- ADV_THEO_QFT					
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Theoretical Particle Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	In general the course will be offered each SoSe.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to write down the Lagrange function for the standard field theories (scalar, Dirac and gauge theories). • They are familiar with concepts of canonical relativistic field quantization. • They can derive the Feynman rules for perturbative expansions from a given Lagrangian and are able to construct Feynman diagrams. • They can apply the standard methods for evaluating Feynman diagrams in Born approximation. • They are familiar with quantum electrodynamics and its phenomenology. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classical field theory, Lagrange formalism • Relativistic wave equations: Klein-Gordon, Dirac, Maxwell, Proca equations • Basics of Lie Groups, Lorentz group and its representations, Poincare group and its representations • Canonical quantisation of free fields (scalar, Dirac, vector fields), causal propagator • Interacting fields, gauge theories • Scattering theory, S-matrix • Perturbation theory, Wick's theorem, and Feynman diagrams • Quantum electrodynamics and phenomenological applications (Compton scattering, pair creation and annihilation, Bhabha scattering in Born approximation) • Optional: Functional Integrals, generating functionals, Grassman variables for fermionic fields • Optional: Introduction to higher perturbative orders 				
Previous knowledge	Electrodynamics, quantum mechanics, special relativity				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

4.13. General Relativity

Lecture 07LE33M-ADV_THEO_GR	General Relativity				Adv. Theory
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Theoretical Particle Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	In general the course will be offered each WiSe.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students know the fundamentals of special and general relativity, Lorentz transformations, Poincare-group. They can explain the fundamental phenomena related to relativity (perihelion rotation of Mercury, relativistic Doppler effects, influence of gravity on clocks, accelerated systems). • They know the mathematical foundations of Riemannian geometry and know to interpret and obtain the metric, Christoffel symbols and Riemannian curvature components for simple geometric structures. • They can derive the geodesic equation from the action principle and know its relation to parallel transport. They can find geodesics in simple geometries. • They know how to calculate the energy-momentum tensor from a given field theory, for free particles and for collective systems (radiation dominated or matter dominated homogeneous universes). • They know how to read and construct space-time diagrams (Finkelstein, Kruskal, Carter-Penrose) for classical geometries (Minkowski space, Rindler space, Schwarzschild and Kerr geometries). 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equivalence principles: Minkowski space, Poincare group, space-time diagrams, world lines, proper time and distance, application to simple phenomena (elevator thought experiments, twin paradox, relativistic Doppler effect, accelerated systems), Lorentz transformations and general coordinate transformations. • Differential geometry: manifolds and tangent spaces, forms, metric tensor, integration, Stoke's theorem, outer derivative, Lie derivative, covariant derivative and Christoffel symbols, parallel transport, geodesics, curvature (Riemann tensor, Weyl tensor, Ricci tensor and scalar), torsion, Killing vectors, Riemann coordinates. • Dynamics of the gravitational field: Einstein equations, cosmological constant, energy-momentum tensor of matter systems (perfect fluids, point particles, Klein-Gordon and Maxwell theory). • Effects based on post-Newtonian approximations: red/blue shift effects, rotation of the perihelion, effect of gravitation on clocks, deflection of light. • Gravitational waves: perturbative expansion of field equations, gauge invariance, origin and detection of gravitational waves. • Classical space times: Minkowski, Rindler, Schwarzschild, Kerr, Reissner-Nordström, Kerr-Newman geometries; Robertson-Walker metrics, Friedmann universes and deSitter space. Discussion of causal structure, geodesic completeness, key coordinate systems and Carter-Penrose diagrams. • Optional: Einstein-Hilbert action and variational principle. • Optional: Modern topics in cosmology: CMB, the Inflation Model. 				

Previous knowledge	Electrodynamics, special relativity, Lagrangian mechanics			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

4.14. Quantum Optics

Lecture	Theoretical Quantum Optics				Adv. Theory
07LE33M- ADV_THEO_QO					
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Theoretical Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	Lecture is offered on an irregular basis.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to characterize the quantum state of the electromagnetic field • Students are able to interpret the dynamics of the quantized field in terms of canonically conjugate variables • Students are able to distinguish classical from quantum features of the quantized field, and to perform the classical limit • Students are able to infer the quantum state of the light field from multi-point correlation functions • Students are able to describe the quantum state of strongly coupled light-matter systems • Students are able to give a semiclassical description of light-matter systems • Students are familiar with a selection of paradigmatic experimental settings to probe generic quantum properties of the light field 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantization of the radiation field • Coherent states • Phase space representation of quantum states • Counting statistics • Dressed states • Floquet theory • Special topics, e.g. micromaser theory, elements of entanglement theory, laser theory, master equations, coherent control • Light-matter interaction 				
Previous knowledge	Introductory courses of experimental and theoretical physics (mechanics, electrodynamics, quantum mechanics)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

4.15. Quantum Chromodynamics

Lecture	Quantum Chromodynamics and Collider Physics				Adv. Theory
07LE33M-ADV_THEO_QCDCOLL					
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Theoretical Particle Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered on an irregular basis.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to construct Lagrangians for (abelian and non-abelian gauge theories). • They are familiar with the concepts of field quantization via functional integrals, the concept of Green functions and of their gauge symmetries. • They can evaluate gauge theories perturbatively at the one-loop level, including renormalization. • They know quantum chromodynamics and its basic phenomenology. • They are prepared to work on experimental or theoretical research at particle colliders such as the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC). 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantization of field theories via functional integrals • Perturbation theory and Feynman diagrams • Gauge theories and their quantization • BRS symmetry and Slavnov-Taylor identities • Gauge theory of strong interaction (quantum chromodynamics) • Quantum corrections, regularization, and renormalization • Renormalization group equations • Jet production in e+e- annihilation • Parton model for hadronic particle reactions • Parton distribution function and DGLAP evolution • Deep inelastic electron-nucleon scattering • Quantum corrections to the Drell-Yan process 				
Previous knowledge	Electrodynamics, quantum mechanics, relativistic quantum field theory				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

4.16. Computational Physics: Materials Science

Lecture 07LE33V- ADV_THEO_COMPPHYS	Computational Physics: Materials Science				Adv. Theory
Lecturer/s	Lecturers from Computational Physics				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered on an irregular basis.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have understood the basic Hamiltonian of CMS • Students are familiar with the various approximations that lead to different methods in CMS: Born-Oppenheimer approximation, classical approximation for the nuclei, local density approximation, tight-binding, semi-empirical interatomic potentials, coarse grained models, hydrodynamic limit • Students have a basic knowledge of density functional theory. • Students can set up simple molecular dynamics calculations. • Students are familiar with the different types of Born-Oppenheimer surfaces for the different types of interatomic binding. • Students are familiar with extended molecular dynamics methods. 				
Course content	<p>This lecture provides an introduction into basic concepts of atomistic computational materials science. The computational tools for different time and length scales will be introduced and it will be discussed how these tools can be combined in order to solve physical problems extending over too many scales for one single method alone. We will start with a brief introduction to density functional theory and more approximate methods such as tight binding. Quantum derived forces can be extracted from these methods and the short term dynamics of small nanosystems can be studied. For the simulation of larger systems and longer time scales, classical interatomic potentials are required. The students will become familiar with some examples for the different types of interatomic potentials: e.g. Lennard-Jones, Born-Mayer, Embedded-Atom, Bond-Order-potentials as well as bead-spring potentials for polymers. A brief introduction into the basic methodology of micro-canonical and thermostated molecular dynamics simulations will be given.</p> <p>The lecture is accompanied by a hands-on programming course. Classical molecular dynamics simulations will be used to study metallic and covalently bonded materials.</p>				
Previous knowledge	Basic knowledge in classical and quantum mechanics				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics modules: "Advanced Physics 1+2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL),				

	M.Sc. Applied Physics modules: "Advanced Theoretical Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL), "Elective Subjects" (SL)
Language	English

5. Elective Subjects

5.1. Microscopy and Optical Image Formation (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-MOIF	Microscopy and Optical Image Formation				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Alexander Rohrbach				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the winter semester				
Qualification objectives	<p>The student should learn how to guide light through optical systems, how optical information can be described very advantageously by three-dimensional transfer functions in Fourier space, how phase information can be transformed to amplitude information to generate image contrast. Furthermore one should experience that wave diffraction is not reducing the information and how to circumvent the optical resolution limit. The student should learn to distinguish between coherent and incoherent imaging, learn about modern techniques using self-reconstructing laser beams, two photon excitation, fluorophores depletion through stimulated emission (STED) or multi-wave mixing by coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CPLS).</p> <p>The tutorials help the student to get a more in depth and thorough understanding of the lecture. Here, a special focus is put on the transfer of knowledge obtained in the lecture. To achieve this, the students should pre-prepare weekly exercise and present them during the tutorial. Difficult exercises are presented by the tutors.</p>				
Course content	<p>The scientific breakthroughs and technological developments in optical microscopy and imaging have experienced a real revolution over the last 10-15 years. Hence, the 2014 Nobel-Prize for super-resolution microscopy could be seen as a logical consequence. This lecture gives an overview about physical principles and techniques used in modern photonic imaging.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Microscopy: History, Presence and Future 2. Wave- and Fourier-Optics 3. Three-dimensional optical imaging and information transfer 4. Contrast enhancement by Fourier-filtering 5. Fluorescence – Basics and techniques 6. Point scanning and confocal microscopy 7. Microscopy with self-reconstructing beams 8. Optical tomography 9. Nearfield and Evanescent Field Microscopy 10. Super-resolution using structured illumination 11. Multi-Photon-Microscopy 12. Super resolution imaging by switching single molecules <p>The lecture has an ongoing emphasis on applications, but nevertheless presents a mixture of fundamental physics, compact mathematical descriptions and many examples and illustrations. The lecture aims to encompass the current state of a scientific</p>				

	field, which will influence the fields of nanotechnology and biology/medicine quite significantly.			
Literature	<p>Accompanying to the lecture printed lecture notes with defined gaps (white boxes) are distributed.</p> <p>Optical Microscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerome Mertz: Introduction to Optical Microscopy, Roberts & Co Publ. 2009 • U. Kubitschek, Fluorescence Microscopy, Wiley-Blackwell 2013 • Min Gu, Advanced optical imaging theory, Springer - Berlin, 1999 • James B. Pawley: Handbook of Biological Confocal Microscopy, Springer - Berlin, 2006 • Herbert Gross: Handbook of optical systems, Vol 2: Physical image formation, Wiley VCH 2005 <p>General Optics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hecht, E. (2002). Optics, Addison Wesley. • Saleh, B. E. A. and M. C. Teich (1991). Fundamentals of Photonics, Wiley & Sons, Inc. • Herbert Gross: Handbook of optical systems, Vol 1-5 			
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge				
Final Exam	Written or oral exam (120 min)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

5.2. Biophysik - Grundlagen und Konzepte / Biophysics - Basics and concepts (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-BIOPHYS	Biophysik - Grundlagen und Konzepte / Biophysics - Basics and concepts				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Alexander Rohrbach				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the winter semester				
Qualification objectives	<p>This lecture gives a survey through modern cell biophysics, addresses state of the art scientific questions and presents modern investigation methods. This comprises classical but also novel physical methods and theories, which pushed the field of biophysics together with newest measurement technology. The applied physical methods do not only inspire biology and medicine, but also the physics of complex systems, which achieves an unequalled level of self-organisation and complexity inside living cells. This lecture is designed for physicists and engineers and provides a colourful mixture of physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and engineering that is illustrated with numerous pictures and animations.</p> <p>The tutorials help the students to get a more in depth and thorough understanding of the lecture. Here, a special focus is put on the transfer of knowledge obtained in the lecture. To achieve this the students should pre-prepare weekly exercise and present them during the tutorial. Only difficult exercises are presented by the tutors.</p>				
Course content	<p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Structure of the cell or the recipe for cell-biophysical science 2. Diffusion and Fluctuation 3. Sensing and Acting measurement principles 4. Biologically relevant forces 5. Biophysics of proteins 6. Polymer physics 7. Visco-elasticity and micro-rheology 8. Dynamics of the cytoskeleton 9. Molecular motors 10. Membrane biophysics 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying to the lecture printed lecture notes with defined gaps (white boxes) are distributed. • Rob Phillips: Physical Biology of the Cell • Joe Howard: Mechanics of Motor Proteins and the Cytoskeleton • Gary Boal: Mechanics of the Cell <p>Erich Sackmann & Rudolf Merkel: Lehrbuch der Biophysik</p>				
Final Exam	Written or oral exam (120 min)				

Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	German			

5.3. Nano-Photonics - Optical manipulation and particle dynamics (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-NANOOPT	Nano-Photonics - Optical manipulation and particle dynamics				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Alexander Rohrbach				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the summer semester				
Qualification objectives	<p>Optical traps and optical micro-manipulation techniques do have the potential to play a key role in future micro- and nano-systems in conjunction with the life sciences. In this lecture the students should learn what is doable with optical forces, where physical limits are and what is limited by nowadays technology. Besides fascinating fundamental research various applications related to biology or fluctuation based systems are presented. The lecture is manifold and teaches basics in optics, statistical physics and biology/biophysics.</p> <p>The tutorials help the students to get a more in depth and thorough understanding of the lecture. Here, a special focus is put on the transfer of knowledge obtained in the lecture. To achieve this the students should pre-prepare weekly exercise and present them during the tutorial. Only difficult exercises are presented by the tutors.</p>				
Course content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Light - Information carrier and actor 3. About microscopy 4. Light scattering 5. Optical forces 6. Tracking beyond the uncertainty 7. Brownian motion and calibration techniques 8. Photonic force microscopy 9. Applications in cell biophysics 10. Time-multiplexing and holographic optical traps 11. Applications in microsystems technology 12. Applications in nanotechnology 				
Literature	<p>Accompanying to the lecture printed lecture notes with defined gaps (white boxes) are distributed.</p> <p>General optics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hecht, E. (2002). Optics, Addison Wesley. • Saleh, B. E. A. and M. C. Teich (1991). Fundamentals of Photonics, Wiley & Sons, Inc. <p>Nano optics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Novotny & B. Hecht, E. (2002). Principles of Optics, Cambridge. <p>Statistical physics and thermodynamics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard text books 				

	Chemical and biological forces and interactions Leckband, D. & J. Israelachvili (2001). "Intermolecular forces in biology." Quart. Rev. Biophys 34: 105–267			
Final Exam	Written or oral exam (120 min)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

5.4. Wave Optics (7 ECTS)

Module no. 11LE50MO-5221S	Wave Optics				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Alexander Rohrbach				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the summer semester				
Qualification objectives	<p>The goal of this lecture is to teach the students how light interacts with small structures and how optical systems guide light. The students will start at Maxwell's equations and move on to the description of light as photon or wave, depending on the given problem. Furthermore, the close connection between spatial and temporal coherence, interference and holography is demonstrated. The last chapter teaches concepts of linear and non-linear light scattering, as well as the most important plasmonic effects. In total, the students learn how to shape light in three dimensions and how optical problems that arise in research and development are solved.</p>				
Course content	<p>1. Introduction Some motivation, literature and a bit of history</p> <p>2. From Electromagnetic Theory to Optics What is light? Which illustrative pictures do the Maxwell equations provide? If matter, dielectric and metallic, consists of coupled, damped springs (harmonic oscillators), how does matter depend on the frequency of light? What do the wave equation and the Helmholtz equation express and how can one handle waves in position space and frequency space.</p> <p>3. Fourier-Optics How does a wave transform position information into directional information? Why can this be well described by Fourier transformations in 1D, 2D and 3D? What has this to do with linear optical system theory including spatial frequency filters and the sampling theorem?</p> <p>4. Wave-optical Light Propagation and Diffraction Different methods are introduced of how to describe the propagation of waves in position space and frequency space. We do the direct transfer from propagation to diffraction of light and momentum space. We treat evanescent waves, thin diffracted objects, the propagation of light in inhomogeneous media and the diffraction at gratings. This allows to discuss important active elements such as acousto-optic and spatial light modulators. We end with adaptive optics and phase conjugation.</p> <p>5. Interference, Coherence and Holography We learn how a composition of k-vectors defines the phases of interfering waves and the resulting stripe patterns. The relative phases of each partial wave in space and time change the interference significantly and define the coherence of light - these concepts will be discussed in detail. We learn how to write and read phase information in holography.</p>				

	<p>6. Light Scattering and Plasmonics The interaction of light with matter is based on particle scattering: we discuss the theoretical concepts of light scattering on the background of Fourier theory. We expend these approaches to photon diffusion, nonlinear optics, fluorescence and Raman scattering or scattering at semiconductor quantum dots - which are all hot topics in modern Photonics. A big emphasis is put on the description of surface plasmons and particle plasmons, where light can be extremely confined.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Motivation 1.2. Literature 1.3. A bit of history 2. From Electromagnetic Theory to Optics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. What is Light? 2.2. The Maxwell-equations 2.3. The change of Light in Matter 2.4. Wave equation and Helmholtz equation 2.5. Waves in position space and frequency space 3. Fourier-Optics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Introduction 3.2. The Fourier-Transformation 3.3. Linear Optical Systems 3.4. Spatial frequency filters 3.5. The Sampling Theorem 4. Wave-optical Light Propagation and Diffraction <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Paraxial light propagation by Gaussian beams 4.2. Wave Propagation and Diffraction 4.3. Evanescent waves 4.4. Diffraction at thin Phase and Amplitude Objects 4.5. Light Propagation in inhomogeneous Media 4.6. Diffraction at gratings 4.7. Acousto-Optics 4.8. Spatial Light Modulators 4.9. Adaptive Optics and Phase Conjugation 5. Interference, coherence and holography <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1. Some Basics 5.2. Interferometry 5.3. Foundations of Coherence Theory 5.4. Principles of Holography 6. Light Scattering and Plasmonics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1. Scattering of light at particles 6.2. Photon Diffusion 6.3. Basics of Nonlinear Optics 6.4. Fluorescence und Raman-scattering 6.5. Fluorescing quantum dots 6.6. Surface Plasmons and Particle Plasmons 			
Literature	Accompanying to the lecture printed lecture notes with defined gaps (white boxes) are distributed.			
Final Exam	Written or oral exam (120 min)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h

Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)
Language	English

5.5. Laser-based Spectroscopy and Analytical Methods (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-LSPEC	Laser-based Spectroscopy and Analytical Methods				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	PD Dr. Frank Kühnemann (Fraunhofer IPM)				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	2+1	5	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the summer semester				
Qualification objectives	<p>At the end of the course, the students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have knowledge about laser-based spectroscopic methods, particularly with respect to analytical applications. • Will understand the physical principles of tuneable laser operation. • Will be enabled to evaluate the fundamental and practical limitations of detection techniques. • Will have insight into development processes necessary to transfer a scientific method into a practical tool for industrial environments. • Will be trained in the preparation and presentation of scientific talks. 				
Course content	<p>Lasers did become a powerful tool for measurement applications in areas like industry, medicine, or environment. The current course focuses on the use of tuneable lasers to interrogate the spectral “fingerprints” of gases, liquids and solids for analytical purposes. Typical examples are air quality monitoring or process control in industry.</p> <p>The lecture block in the first half of the course will give a comprehensive introduction into the following topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrared molecular spectra • Tuneable lasers • Spectroscopic techniques (absorption, photoacoustic spectroscopy, cavity-based methods) • Background signals, noise and detection limits <p>The seminar talks in the second block will focus on the application of different spectroscopic methods for analytical tasks. At the start of the course, students will choose from a list of provided topics to prepare a talk and a short written summary. The preparation will be supported by topical literature and discussion sessions with the course staff. Duration of the talks will be approximately 30 minutes, followed by a discussion of content and presentation style.</p>				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lecture script • recommended literature will be announced in the lecture 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Advanced Optics and Lasers				
Final Exam	Oral (graded seminar talk) and written (talk summary)				

Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	45 h	105 h	150 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

5.6. Photovoltaic Energy Conversion (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M- PHOTOVOLT	Photovoltaic Energy Conversion			5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Dr. Uli Würfel (Fraunhofer ISE)			
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	2+1	5	SL or PL
Term	The lecture is offered in the summer semester			
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have a profound understanding of the working principles of solar cells and are thus able to apply these principles to different kinds of solar cell configurations • Students are familiar with state of the art solar cells, the processes limiting their conversion efficiency, how these factors can be identified and if they could (in principle) be overcome 			
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamentals of semiconductors, intrinsic and extrinsic, Fermi-Dirac statistics, bands • Generation, recombination and transport of charge carriers • Lifetime, diffusion length, pn-junction, ideal solar cell • Real solar cell structures, carrier selectivity & semi-permeable membranes • Characterisation methods Overview about different PV technologies: Si-based, thin film, Organic, Perovskite, Concentrator-PV			
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lecture script • P. Würfel, Physics of Solar Cells, 2nd edition 2009, Wiley VCH 			
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Basic knowledge of semiconductor physics is helpful but not mandatory			
Final Exam	Written exam (120 min) or oral exam (30 min)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	45 h	105 h	150 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

5.7. Multi-junction solar cell technology and concentrator photovoltaic (3 ECTS)

Module no. 11LE68MO-4103	Multi-junction solar cell technology and concentrator photovoltaic				3 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Andreas Bett (Fraunhofer ISE)				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	2	3	SL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the winter semester				
Qualification objectives					
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multi-junction solar cell approach to increase the sunlight conversion efficiency, different solar cell architectures • introduction III-V materials, adjustment of band-gap, growth techniques • methods for characterisation of III-V materials and multi-junction solar cells • PV concentrator technology: low and high concentration • components of CPV systems: optics, cells, manufacturing • CPV system analysis including an economical evaluation 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Solar Cells and Their Applications", L. Fraas, L. Partain, Wiley, 2010; • "Advanced Concepts in Photovoltaics", AJ Nozik, G. Conibeer, MC Beard, Royal Society of Chemistry, 2014; • "Next Generation Photovoltaics", AB Cristobal Lopez, A. Marti Vega, A. Luque Lopez, Springer Series in Optical Sciences 165, 2012, • "Concentrator Photovoltaics", A Luque, V. Andreev, Springer Verlag, Series in Optical Sciences, 2011 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	-				
Final Exam	-				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	30 h	60 h	90 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

5.8. Solar Physics (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-SOLPHYS	Solar Physics				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Oskar von der Lühe (Kiepenheuer-Inst. for Solar Physics, KIS)				
Course details	Examination	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	2+1	5	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered every second winter semester.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students obtain advanced knowledge about the Sun as a template star and as a complex physical system. Students also obtain knowledge about modern tools to research the Sun and their physical basis. • Students understand the role of the Sun as the central component of the Solar system, its interaction with the heliosphere, and its impact on the near-Earth environment, the Earth's climate and on modern civilization. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sun in the astrophysical context • Internal structure of the Sun • Solar rotation, convection and magnetism • The solar atmosphere • Chromosphere, corona and the solar wind • Sun – Earth interaction and space weather • The Why's and How's of solar observations 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Stix, The Sun – An Introduction (2nd Ed.), Springer • P. Foukal, Solar Astrophysics (3rd Ed.), Wiley • Lecture Script (through ILIAS) 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics I – IV. Completion of an introductory course on astrophysics (e.g. bachelor course) is highly recommended.				
Final Exam	Regular participation in exercises (SL) Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam (PL)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	45 h	105 h	150 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

5.9. Modern Astronomical Instrumentation (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-ASTRINST	Modern Astronomical Instrumentation				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Oskar von der Lühe (Kiepenheuer-Inst. for Solar Physics, KIS)				
Course details	Examination	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	2+1	5	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered every second winter semester.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students obtain an overview of observing facilities and instruments in which are used for astronomy to observe the e. m. spectrum, astroparticles and gravitational waves • Students understand the design principles of optical instruments in general and obtain an introduction to modern lens design 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to geometrical optics and aberration theory • Design and construction of astronomical telescopes for the whole spectrum of e. m. waves on the ground and in space • Post-focus instrumentation for astronomical telescopes • Spectroscopy and polarimetry • Detectors for astronomy • Radio telescopes • Detection of astroparticles and gravitational waves. 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. Léna, Observational Astrophysics, Springer • Landolt - Börnstein Group VI Vol. 4 Astronomy, Springer • Lecture Script (through ILIAS) 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics I – IV. Completion of an introductory course on astrophysics (e.g. bachelor course) is highly recommended.				
Final Exam	Regular participation in exercises (SL) Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam (PL)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	45 h	105 h	150 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: “Elective Subjects” (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: “Applied Physics” (SL) or “Elective Subjects” (SL)				
Language	English				

5.10. Dynamic Systems in Biology (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-DYNBIO	Dynamic Systems in Biology				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Jens Timmer				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered irregularly				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are familiar with classical and modern dynamic systems in biology. • Students are able to mathematically formulate dynamic systems in biology as differential equations and implement these on the computer. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerical integration of differential equations • Mathematical biology • Population models • Hodgkin-Huxley model • Turing model • Enzyme kinetics • Systems biology • Metabolism • Signal transduction • Gene regulation 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.D. Murray. Mathematical Biology, Springer 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Basics of Analysis and Linear Algebra				
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

5.11. Molecular Dynamics & Spectroscopy (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M- MOLDYN	Molecular Dynamics & Spectroscopy				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Gerhard Stock				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered irregularly				
Qualification objectives					
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time-Dependent Quantum Dynamics • Density Matrix Theory • Quantum-Classical Formulation • Linear Spectroscopy • Nonlinear Techniques • Multidimensional Spectroscopy 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. Hamm, M. Zanni, Concepts and Methods of 2D Infrared Spectroscopy, Cambridge University Press, 2011 • V. May, O. Kühn, Charge and Energy Transfer Dynamics in Molecular Systems, Wiley-VCH, 2004 • S. Mukamel, Principles of Nonlinear Optical Spectroscopy, Oxford University Press, 1995 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge					
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

5.12. Physics of Nano-Biosystems (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-NANOBIO	Physics of Nano-Biosystems			5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Thorsten Hugel (Faculty of Chemistry), Dr. Thomas Pfohl			
Course details	Examination	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment
	Lecture and exercises (L)	2+1	5	SL or PL
Term	The lecture is offered regularly in the summer semester.			
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have a profound knowledge of the physical principles that govern biological systems in particular molecular machines. • Students are familiar with the experimental methods to study biological systems in particular molecular machines. • In the tutorials the students gain an in-depth understanding of of the lecture and discuss most recent literature. 			
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamental forces in Nano-Biosystems (elastic, viscous, thermal, chemical, entropic, polymerization) • Concepts of equilibrium and non-equilibrium systems and measurements • Jarzynski equation • Linear and rotational molecular motors • Molecular details of muscle function • Optical and magnetic tweezers, AFM • Single molecule force spectroscopy • Single molecule fluorescence • Concepts of nanotribology and biolubrication 			
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathon Howard: "Mechanics of Motor Proteins and the Cytoskeleton" (2005) • Phil Nelson: "Biological Physics: Energy, Information, Life" (2003) • Rob Philips, Jane Kondev, Julie Theriot, Hernan Garcia: "Physical Biology of the Cell" (2012) • Recent journal publications 			
Previous knowledge	Basic knowledge of statistics and optics is helpful but not mandatory.			
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral exam (30 min)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L)	30 h	120 h	150 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

5.13. Physics of Medical Imaging Methods (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-PHYSMED	Physics of Medical Imaging Methods				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Michael Bock (Universitäts Klinikum)				
Course details	Examination	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	2+1	5	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered regularly in the winter semester.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to distinguish and describe the physical basis of currently applied medical imaging methods • Students will become familiar with recent developments in medical imaging technology and their clinical application 				
Course content	<p>Medical imaging is becoming increasingly important in the detection of disease, in the management of the patients, and in the monitoring of a therapy. In this lecture the physical basics of different medical imaging technologies will be presented, and different clinical application scenarios will be discussed. The following topics will be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overview over the physics of medical imaging • Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ magnetisation, Bloch equations, relaxation times T1 and T2 ○ spin gymnastics and image contrast ○ magnets, gradients and radio-frequency coils ○ quantitative MRI ○ functional MRI, flow, diffusion, perfusion measurements • Nuclear Medicine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ principles of radio-tracer detection ○ scintigraphy ○ single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) ○ positron emission tomography (PET) • ultrasound (US) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sound generation and propagation in tissue ○ US imaging ○ Doppler US ○ therapeutic applications of US (Lithotripsy) • X-ray Imaging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ properties and generation of X-rays ○ fluoroscopy ○ computed tomography ○ image reconstruction from projections • role of medical imaging in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the detection of disease ○ in patient management • therapy monitoring 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppelt A: Imaging Systems for Medical Diagnostics 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dössel O: Bildgebende Verfahren in der Medizin: Von der Technik zur medizinischen Anwendung 			
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge				
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral exam (30 min)			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L)	45 h	105 h	150 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (SL or PL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

5.14. Biophysics of Cardiac Function and Signals (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-CARDI	Biophysics of cardiac function and signals				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Dr. Gunnar Seemann, Prof. Dr. Peter Kohl (Faculty of Medicine, Institute for Experimental Cardiovascular Medicine)				
Course details	Examination	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	2+1	5	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered regularly in the winter semester.				
Qualification objectives	The basic concept of this lecture is to examine a biological system, analyse it and define mathematical equations in order to describe the system. In this lecture, the heart is used as this system. The students learn the electrical and mechanical function of the heart and its modelling. Additionally, the bioelectrical signals that are generated in the human body are described and how these signals can be measured, interpreted and processed. The content is explained both on the biological level and based on mathematical modelling.				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell membrane and ion channels • Cellular electrophysiology • Conduction of action potentials • Cardiac contraction and electromechanical interactions • Optogenetics in cardiac cells • Numerical field calculation in the human body • Measurement of bioelectrical signals • Electrocardiography • Imaging of bioelectrical sources • Biosignal processing 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lecture slides 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Basic interest in biology and computational modelling. Knowledge in Matlab or Python are beneficial				
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral exam (30 min)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	45 h	105 h	150 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (SL or PL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

5.15. Computational Neuroscience: Models of Neurons and Networks (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-Neuro	Computational Neuroscience: Models of Neurons and Networks				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Stefan Rotter (Faculty of Biology, Bernstein Center Freiburg)				
Course details	Examination	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	2+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered regularly in the summer semester.				
Qualification objectives	<p>The students have the competence to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • link mathematical models with biological phenomena arising in systems neuroscience both using theory and computer simulations; • understand the fundamental trade-off between biological detail and mathematical abstraction, and evaluate its consequences; • explain the steps necessary to develop and validate models of a biological neuron or a biological neuronal network; • appreciate and explain the gain in understanding biological mechanisms that arise from the study of mathematical models of neuronal systems; • critically discuss the limits of mathematical modelling and numerical methods in computational neuroscience. 				
Course content	<p>This lecture series covers important standard topics in computational neuroscience, focusing on dynamic networks of spiking neurons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematical concepts and methods • Hodgkin-Huxley theory of the action potential • Stochastic theory of ionic channels • The integrate-and-fire neuron model • Stochastic point processes • Stochastic theory of synaptic integration • Stochastic theory of spike generation: The perfect integrator • Stochastic theory of spike generation: The leaky integrator • Conductance based neurons and networks • Correlated neuronal populations • Pulse packets and synfire chains • Random graphs and networks • Dynamics of spiking networks • Population dynamics of recurrent networks. 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lecture slides • a bibliography and web-links to complementary reading for each course day will be provided along with the slides of the lecture. 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Familiarity with elementary calculus and linear algebra is assumed. Background in basic neurobiology is helpful, but not required.				

Final Exam	Written exam (120 min), oral exam (60 min) or term paper (10 pages), in combination with course below.			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L)	105 h	105 h	210 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (SL or PL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

5.16. Computational Neuroscience: Simulation of Biological Neuronal Networks (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-Neuro	Computational Neuroscience: Simulation of Biological Neuronal Networks				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Stefan Rotter (Faculty of Biology, Bernstein Center Freiburg)				
Course details	Examination	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	1+2	5	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered regularly in the summer semester.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> link mathematical models with biological phenomena arising in systems neuroscience, both using theory and computer simulations; implement and simulate simple neuronal network models using modern tools and methods of scientific programming (based on Python and NEST); implement simple programs for data analysis and apply them to simulated data; appreciate and explain the gain in understanding biological mechanisms that arise from the study of mathematical models of neuronal systems and their simulation critically discuss the limits of mathematical modelling and numerical methods in computational neuroscience. 				
Course content	This course covers the fundamentals of simulating networks of single-compartment spiking neuron models. We start from the concept of a point neuron and then introduce more complex topics such as phenomenological models of synaptic plasticity, connectivity patterns and network dynamics.				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lecture slides see also http://www.nest-initiative.org/ for some general information and an online tutorial on the BNN simulator NEST 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Basic knowledge in scientific computing with Python is absolutely required. Self-study is possible, see http://www.python.org/ for some general information and an online tutorial on the programming language Python. Further documentation on the scientific libraries used in the course is also found online (see http://scipy.org/).				
Final Exam	Written exam (120 min), oral exam (60 min) or term paper (10 pages), in combination with course above.				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L)	60 h	90 h	150 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (SL or PL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

5.17. Experimental Polymer Physics (9 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-POL	Experimental Polymer Physics				9 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Günter Reiter				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the winter semester				
Qualification objectives					
Course content	<p>We can't imagine life and technology today without polymers, if you think of materials like PET bottles and PVC, nylon, teflon or rubber. Also in nature biopolymers are ubiquitous, e.g. DNA, proteins or cellulose. This lecture will give an introduction into the experimental and theoretical concepts in understanding and characterisation of polymer systems. Both, applied and material aspects will be discussed - like polymer flow, elastomers and crystalline polymers - as well as present topics of fundamental research, e.g. glass transition, dynamics in confined geometries and self-assembly. The lecture will deal with basic theoretical concepts and descriptive experiments. It will start with simple single chain phenomena and gradually develop more complex structures and dynamics of polymer solutions, melts and blends.</p>				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Strobl, The Physics of Polymers • Colby & Rubinstein, Polymer Physics 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics I-IV (B.Sc. Physik), Thermodynamics				
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	
Usability	<p>M.Sc. Physics: "Advanced Physics 2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL), "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)</p>				
Language	English				

5.18. Physical Processes of Self-Assembly and Pattern Formation (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-SELFAS	Physical Processes of Self-Assembly and Pattern Formation				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Günter Reiter				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the summer semester				
Qualification objectives	Students will learn how structural organization, i.e., the increase in internal order of a system, can lead to regular patterns on scales ranging from molecular to the macroscopic sizes. They will understand the physics of how molecules or objects put themselves together without guidance or management from an outside source.				
Course content	<p>Goal:</p> <p>Questions about how organization and order in various systems arises have been raised since ancient times. Self-assembling processes are common throughout nature and technology. The ability of molecules and objects to self-assemble into supra-molecular arrangements is an important issue in nanotechnology. The limited number of forms and shapes we identify in the objects around us represent only a small sub-set of those theoretically possible. So why don't we see more variety? To be able answering such a question we have to learn more about the physical processes responsible for self-organization and self-assembly.</p> <p>Preliminary program: "Physical laws for making compromises"</p> <p>Self-assembly is governed by (intermolecular) interactions between pre-existing parts or disordered components of a system. The final (desired) structure is 'encoded' in the shape and properties of the basic building blocks.</p> <p>In this course, we will discuss general rules about growth and evolution of structures and patterns as well as methods that predict changes in organization due to changes made to the underlying components and/or the environment.</p>				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoon S. LEE, Self-Assembly and Nanotechnology: A Force Balance Approach, Wiley 2008 • Robert KELSALL, Ian W. HAMLEY, Mark GEOGHEGAN, Nanoscale Science and Technology, Wiley, 2005 • Richard A.L. JONES, Soft Machines: Nanotechnology and Life, Oxford University Press, USA 2008 • Philip BALL, Shapes, Flow, Branches. Nature's Patterns: A Tapestry in Three Parts, Oxford University Press, USA • J.N. ISRAELACHVILI, Intermolecular and Surface Forces, Third Edition, Elsevier, 2011 • Continuative and supplementary references will be given during the lecture. 				

Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Experimentalphysik IV (Condensed Matter)			
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam			
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)			
Language	English			

5.19. Fundamentals of Semiconductors & Optoelectronics (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M- HL	Fundamentals of Semiconductors & Optoelectronics				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	apl. Prof. Dr. Joachim Wagner (Fraunhofer IAF), Prof. Andreas Bett (Fraunhofer ISE)				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	2+1	5	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the winter semester				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students become familiar with fundamental concepts of semiconductor physics as well as techniques for the fabrication of bulk semiconductor materials and epitaxial semiconductor layers; furthermore, they gain knowledge in experimental techniques for the characterization of semiconductors as well as for determining band structure parameters. • Students become also familiar with the working principle and different variants of key optoelectronic devices. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inorganic crystalline semiconductor materials (such as Si and GaAs) • Fabrication of bulk semiconductor crystals and epitaxial layers • Electronic band structure, tight-binding vs. nearly free electron approach • Effective mass of electrons and holes, n- and p-type doping • Density of states, statistics of electrons and holes • Electrical transport by electrons and holes, electric fields and currents • Quantization effects in semiconductors, quantum films and superlattices • p-n-junction, photodiode, light emitting diode (LED), diode laser 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. Ibach, H. Lüth, „Festkörperphysik“ (Springer, 2009) • K. Seeger, „Semiconductor Physics“ (Springer, 2004) • P. Yu, M. Cardona, „Fundamentals of Semiconductors“ (Springer, 2010) 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Solid-state physics and theoretical physics at the level of a BSc in Physics				
Final Exam	Oral exam (30 min)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	45 h	105 h	150 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: “Elective Subjects” (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: “Applied Physics” (PL or SL) or “Elective Subjects” (SL)				
Language	English or German				

5.20. Semiconductor Devices (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M- HLBAU	Semiconductor Devices				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	apl. Prof. Dr. Harald Schneider (Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf HZDR)				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	2+1	5	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered in the summer semester as a block course during the Pentecost break (May/June)				
Qualification objectives					
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport phenomena • Metal-semiconductor-contact, Schottky-Diode • p-n junction: diode rectifier, photodiode, LED, laserdiode, solar cell • Bipolar transistors, HBT • Field effect-transistors: JFET, MESFET, HEMT, MOSFET, FGFET • Quantum structure-elements: RTD, QWIP, QCL, ICL 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.M. Sze and K.K. Ng, Physics of Semiconductor Devices, Wiley, 2006 • S.M. Sze, Semiconductor Devices, Wiley, 2001 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Experimentalphysik IV (Solid state physics), lecture „Fundamentals of Semiconductors & Optoelectronics“ (apl. Prof. J. Wagner)				
Final Exam	Oral exam (30 min)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	45 h	105 h	150 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: “Elective Subjects” (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: “Applied Physics” (PL or SL) or “Elective Subjects” (SL)				
Language	English or German				

5.21. Theory and Modeling of Materials (5 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M- MODMAT	Theory and Modeling of Materials				5 ECTS
Lecturer/s	apl. Prof. Dr. Christian Elsässer (Fraunhofer IWM)				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	2+1	5	SL or PL	
Term	Courses of the lecture series are offered regularly in alternating order.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students become able to develop and apply theoretical models to investigate practical problems of the physics of materials • Students become familiar with theoretical condensed-matter physics and computational modeling and simulation of materials 				
Course content	<p>The series of one- or two-semester elective-subject lectures introduces theoretical models and computational methods of solid-state physics for the description of many-electron systems, by means of which cohesion and structure, physical, chemical, or mechanical properties of perfect crystals and real materials can be understood qualitatively and calculated quantitatively on a microscopic fundament.</p> <p>The lecture series comprises courses on, e.g., these topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic-structure theory of condensed matter I + II • Superconductivity I (phenomenology) + II (microscopic theory) • Theoretical models for magnetic properties of materials • Theory of atomistic and electronic structures at interfaces in crystals • etc. <p>The content of each course will be announced for each semester.</p>				
Literature	recommended literature will be announced in each lecture				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Theoretical physics and solid-state physics on the level of a BSc in Physics				
Final Exam	Oral exam (30 min)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	45 h	105 h	150 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English or German				

5.22. Quantum Transport (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M- QTRANS	Quantum Transport				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	PD Dr. Michael Walter, PD Dr. Thomas Wellens				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered irregularly in the summer semester.				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students become familiar with advanced theoretical tools relevant for quantum transport theory (Green functions, scattering theory, diagrammatic methods for performing disorder average, Landau-Büttiker formalism) • Students understand how quantum effects modify the transport behaviour in various physical systems 				
Course content	<p>How to describe transport of a particle from one point in space to another one is a fundamental problem in theoretical physics, which is at the same time highly relevant for many technological applications, for example in electronics (transport of electrons) or solar cells (separation of positive and negative charge carriers generated by light). On microscopic scales, quantum properties -- such as the wave nature of a quantum particle, or the quantization of energy levels -- become relevant and make quantum transport different from classical transport based on Newton's equations. In this lecture, we will approach the topic of quantum transport from different perspectives, with focus on (i) transport of quantum particles (or waves) in disordered structures which are described in a statistical way, and (ii) the explicit description of transport in an electronic device at the atomic scale, with the single molecule transistor as prominent example, which is likely to be the basis of future electronics.</p>				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Akkermans and G. Montambaux, Mesoscopic Physics of electrons and photons (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2007) • P. Sheng, Introduction to Wave Scattering, Localization, and Mesoscopic Phenomena (Academic Press, New York, 1995) • S. Datta, Quantum Transport: Atom to Transistor (Cambridge, 2005). 				
Previous knowledge	Basic quantum mechanics				
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

5.23. Low Temperature Physics (9 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M- LTPHYS	Low Temperature Physics				9 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Frank Stienkemeier				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	4+2	9	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered irregularly				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lecture Low Temperature Physics provides an introduction to the physical principles as well as the experimental techniques for working at low temperatures and reaching extreme low temperature conditions. • Students will be familiar with material properties at low temperatures. • Students will know how low temperatures are generated, how cryostats are designed, and what materials are used. • Students will learn modern scientific work at low as well as ultra-low temperatures 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature-dependent material properties (Phase diagrams and physical states, thermal expansion, friction, viscosity, thermal conductivity, electrical conductivity) • Superfluidity • Matrix and helium droplet isolation techniques • Superconductivity • Generation of low temperatures (refrigerators, Joule-Thompson effect, cryo-coolers) • Measurements at low temperature conditions (temperature, pressure, levels of liquids, magnetic measurements, acoustic measurements, etc.) • Cryostats (thermal insulation, materials, containers and transfer lines, etc.) • Cold dilute samples (cold molecular beams, trapped molecules and trapped ions) • Ultra-cold temperatures 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enss, Hunklinger, Tieftemperaturphysik, Springer (2000) • Frank Pobell, Matter and Methods at Low Temperatures, Springer (1996) • J.G. Weisend II, Handbook of Cryogenic Engineering, Taylor & Francis (1998) 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Experimental Physics I-IV Quantum Mechanics				
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	90 h	180 h	270 h	

Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Advanced Physics 2" (PL), "Advanced Physics 3" (SL), "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Advanced Experimental Physics" (PL), "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)
Language	English

5.24. Statistics and Numerics (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-STATNUM	Statistics and Numerics				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Jens Timmer				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered irregularly				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are familiar with the basic concepts of statistical reasoning. • Students are able to mathematically formulate statistical and numerical problems. • Students can implement computer programs to solve statistical and numerical problems. 				
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random variables • Parameter estimation • Test theory • Solution of systems of linear equations • Optimization • Non-linear modeling • Kernel estimator • Integration of ordinary, partial and stochastic differential equations • Spectral analysis • Markov Chain Monte Carlo procedures 				
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press et al. Numerical Recipes, Cambridge University Press 				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Basics of Analysis and Linear Algebra				
Final Exam	Written (120 min) or oral (30 min) exam				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English or German				

5.25. Computational Physics: Density Functional Theory (7 ECTS)

Module no. 07LE33M-DFT	Computational Physics: Density Functional Theory				7 ECTS
Lecturer/s	Prof. Dr. Michael Moseler				
Course details	Type	Credit hrs	ECTS	Assessment	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	3+2	7	SL or PL	
Term	The lecture is offered irregularly				
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are familiar with electronic structure calculations. • Students are familiar with the basic Hamiltonian of the electronic structure problem and electronic many-body wave function. • Students know the Hartree-Fock equations and post Hartree-Fock methods – such as Møller-Plesset and Configurational Interaction. • Students are familiar with the Hohenberg-Kohn-theorem, the Kohn-Sham-equations, the concept of an exchange-correlation potential and the various local approximations to it. • Student are familiar with time-dependent DFT and know the Runge-Gross-theorem and the time-dependent Kohn-Sham-equations. 				
Course content	Density functional theory (DFT) has become one of the most important tools for the numerical solution of the electronic many-body Schrödinger equation. It is currently used by many material scientists to study the properties complex systems containing up to several thousand atoms and electrons. This lecture introduces the theoretical foundations of DFT within the Hohenberg-Kohn-Sham frame work. It also touches numerical questions in an accompanying hands-on course. Numerical exercises will cover the electronic structure of atoms and nanoparticles.				
Literature	Lecture script: Electronic structure of matter				
Preliminaries / Previous knowledge	Basic knowledge in many-body quantum mechanics				
Final Exam	Written or oral exam (60 min)				
Workload (hours)	Course	Contact hrs	Self-studies	Total	
	Lecture and exercises (L+E)	75 h	135 h	210 h	
Usability	M.Sc. Physics: "Elective Subjects" (SL), M.Sc. Applied Physics: "Applied Physics" (PL or SL) or "Elective Subjects" (SL)				
Language	English				

6. Example study plans for optional specialisation

Within their Master studies, students may consolidate their knowledge in a particular field of physics by choosing their courses in the modules *Advanced Physics*, *Elective Subjects* and *Term Paper* accordingly, as well as performing their research phase (Research Traineeship and Master Thesis) in this field. In the following example, study plans are recommended for different areas of specialisation.

Example Study Plan for consolidation in **Experimental Particle Physics**:

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1	Advanced Quantum Mechanics 10 CP	Advanced Particle Physics 9 CP		Term Paper in Particle Physics 6 CP	Master Laboratory 8 CP
2	Quantum Field Theory 9 CP	Hadron Collider Physics 9 CP	Detectors 9 CP		
3	Research Traineeship in Experimental Particle Physics 30 CP				
4	Master Thesis in Experimental Particle Physics (Thesis and Presentation) 30 CP				

Example Study Plan for consolidation in **Theoretical Particle Physics**:

FS					
1	Advanced Quantum Mechanics 10 CP	General Relativity 9 CP		Term Paper in Particle Physics 6 CP	Master Laboratory 8 CP
2	Quantum Field Theory 9 CP	Hadron Collider Physics 9 CP	Quantum Chromodynamics 9 CP		
3	Research Traineeship in Theoretical Particle Physics 30 CP				
4	Master Thesis in Theoretical Particle Physics (Thesis and Presentation) 30 CP				

Example Study Plan for consolidation in **Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics**:

FS					
1	Advanced Quantum Mechanics 10 CP	Advanced Atomic and Molecular Physics 9 CP		Term Paper in Atomic and Molecular Physics 6 CP	Master Laboratory 8 CP
2	Advanced Optics and Lasers 9 CP	suggested* theory lectures 9 CP	suggested** experimental lectures 9 CP		
3	Research Traineeship in Experimental Atomic and Molecular Physics 30 CP				
4	Master Thesis in Experimental Atomic and Molecular Physics (Thesis and Presentation) 30 CP				

* Choose for example:

Classical Complex Systems
Theoretical Quantum Optics
Complex Quantum Systems
Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics

** Choose for example:

Condensed Matter I: Solid State Physics
Condensed Matter II: Interfaces and Nanostructures

Example Study Plan for consolidation in **Condensed Matter Physics**:

FS					
1	Advanced Quantum Mechanics 10 CP	Condensed Matter I: Solid State Physics 9 CP		Term Paper in Condensed Matter Physics 6 CP	Master Laboratory 8 CP
2	Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics 9 CP	Condensed Matter II: Interfaces and Nanostructures 9 CP	Complex Quantum Systems 9 CP		
3	Research Traineeship in Condensed Matter Physics 30 CP				
4	Master Thesis in Condensed Matter Physics (Thesis and Presentation) 30 CP				